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The Honorable Les Aspin  
The Secretary of Defense

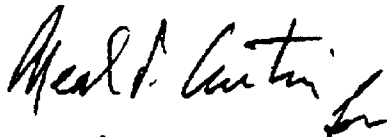
Attention: DoD Office of the Inspector General  
Director for GAO Surveys and Reviews

Dear Mr. Secretary:

In response to a request by the House Appropriations Committee, Subcommittee on Defense, our Information Management and Technology Division is continuing its survey on the Department of Defense's software reuse initiative (Job Code 510906). As part of this survey, the IMTEC team will review Defense's strategy to initiate software reuse departmentwide, and determine what actions are being taken by Defense to resolve significant issues associated with software reuse.

Work will begin immediately in Washington, D.C., and Arlington, Virginia. Other locations will be selected as necessary. Appropriate notifications will be given before visiting these locations. If you should have any questions, please contact Mr. Frank Deffer, Assistant Director, at (202) 512-6226. We are sending a copy of this letter to the Secretaries of the Army, Navy, and Air Force.

Sincerely yours,



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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (COMMAND, CONTROL,  
COMMUNICATIONS, AND INTELLIGENCE)

SUBJECT: General Accounting Office (GAO) Letter Dated  
January 28, 1993, "Software Reuse Initiatives"  
(GAO Code 510906)--NOTIFICATION OF GAO SURVEY

On January 29, 1993, the Department of Defense (DoD) received the enclosed official GAO notification letter. At the request of Chairman John P. Murtha, Subcommittee on Defense, House Committee on Appropriations, the GAO Information Management and Technology Division is continuing its survey of the DoD software reuse initiatives that it began under GAO Code 510830.

DoD Directive 7650.2 designates this office as the central DoD liaison for tasking, controlling, and monitoring GAO survey, review, and report activities. The enclosed Information Sheet-Series A describes the specific DoD procedures for tasking GAO surveys/reviews and the DoD primary action office (PAO) responsibilities. Your office is the PAO for the subject review. We are advised that Ms. Linda Brown (746-7928) is your action officer for this case. The collateral action offices (CAO) identified at the end of this memorandum are requested to provide Ms. Brown and this office with the names and phone numbers of the CAO action officers as soon as possible.

As arranged with Ms. Brown and the GAO, a joint headquarters-level entrance meeting with the GAO (to identify and discuss the detailed GAO workplans) has been scheduled for February 16, at 1:30, Crystal Gateway Two, Suite 910.

My office, in coordination with Ms. Brown, will also schedule interim and/or exit meetings with the GAO and cognizant DoD component representatives before any GAO congressional briefing or testimony based on this audit work, or before the GAO issues a final report.

The interim status and exit meetings are particularly important because these meetings may effectively be the only DoD opportunity to comment on GAO work that could result in budget reductions and/or program direction decisions by the Congress long before any GAO report is issued. My action officer should be alerted if the GAO distributes written information to your office for review and informal comments.

All involved DoD components are requested to inform your office and this office if the GAO requests an interim status or

exit meeting with them (i.e., provide advance notice of the meeting, forward copies of memoranda for the record on the meetings and any GAO document discussed). This information is important because the PAO is ultimately responsible for responding to GAO reports (and other documents) on behalf of the Secretary of Defense.

Staying informed on GAO survey/review activity depends on the PAO, the other involved DoD components, and this office working closely together. We request your full support in these efforts to prevent surprises related to the GAO audit and to ensure that the DoD is in a position to realize the maximum benefits from this GAO audit work.

If you have questions, please contact Ms. Peggy Wright, my action officer (x30214). If she is not available, I can be reached on the same number.

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Director  
GAO Surveys/Reviews

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